MINUTES

—OF THE—

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

COLORED UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH,

RICHMOND, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, & NOVEMBER 1, 1885.

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MINUTES.

The Colored Union Baptist Association met in its Eleventh Annual Session with Hopewell Baptist Church, Richmond, Dallas county, Alabama, Oct. 29th, 30th, 31st, and Nov. 1st, 1885. The delegates assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., and were called to order by the former Moderator.

Elder J. Nichols, in his usual way, made some very feeling remarks to the delegates, after which he read the third chapter of James, and engaged in singing "The Lord my Shepherd is." Prayer by Rev. Wm. Scott.

Rev. Wm. Scott, pastor of Hopewell Church, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates, assuring them that every arrangement had been made to make their stay a pleasant one.

After which Rev. H. Booker preached the Introductory Sermon, using as his text the 13th chapter of Paul to the Corinthians, and singing hymn 442. Prayer by Rev. W. Perine.

After which the delegates' names were enrolled as follows:

First (col.) Greenville—Elder S. M. Reeves, E. Wright.

Arkadelphia—Rev. J. Nichols, C. T. Becoats, J. H. Henderson.

Ridgeville—Rev. W. Perine, J. W. Smith, A. Lewis, I. N. Carter.

Friendship, No. 1—S. Adams, T. Scott.

Union, Pensacola—By letter.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. L. McKee, T. H. Middleton, F. M. Byrd.

Pine Level—N. Gipson, S. Coleman.

Spring Hill—Rev. J. M. Moss, George Knight, George Powers.

Siloam—Rev. A. Gould, N. McConico.

Antioch, No. 1—D. Davis, F. Carmichael.

New Virgin—Rev. J. Nichols, H. C. Crum, R. C. Crum, J. M. McKee.

Hopewell—W. H. Davis, Rev. Wm. Scott, T. S. Thomas, A. Vernal, H. Allison.

Good Hope—Rev. Wm. Scott, J. Grayson, D. James, D. Loveless.

Shiloh—Rev. Wm. Scott, G. K. Carmichael, R. D. Palmer.

Pine Top—E. H. Payne.

Antioch, No. 2—

Mt. Olive—Rev. L. McKee, D. L. Palmer, N. W. C. Dunklin.

New Hope—R. Harris, M. Parks.

Friendship—Rev. S. Hughes, G. Ashford.

Old Elam—Rev. S. Hughes.

Salem—N. Watts.

Long Creek—Rev. Wm. Morris, J. Stamps, M. Hall.

Rosemerry—T. H. Bruner.

Oakfield, Fla.—By letter.

Union—Rev. J. Nichols, G. Welben.

Mt. Moriah—Rev. J. N. Young, W. Yeldell.

Mt. Idia—Rev. E. Perdue, H. Perdue.

Star of Hope—Rev. H. Anderson.

Cedar Creek—Rev. J. Scott, E. People, T. Sales.

After which a Committee on Installing Officers was appointed, and allowed 10 minutes in which to report. The time expired, and the committee reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Installing Officers, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend the following named brethren as officers of this Association for the ensuing year: For Moderator, Elder J. Nichols, of Greenville; for Clerk, I. N. Carter, of Montgomery; for Treasurer, H. C. Crum, of Pine Apple.

J. W. Smith,
Rev. S. L. Calhoun,
N. Watts,
C. T. Becoats,
A. Vernal,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted. After which the officers gave the Association thanks for the honors bestowed upon them.

On motion, an invitation was given to visiting brethren.

Rev. R. Ingram, of the Evergreen Association, came forward and was introduced to the Association by the Moderator, and the right hand of fellowship was extended him by the Moderator in behalf of the Association. Bro. Ingram made some very feeling remarks on mission work, and a vote of thanks was tendered him.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DONATIONS.

First (colored) Greenville, $6.00; Arkadelphia, $6.00; Ridgeville, $3.00; Friendship, Georginna, $2.75; Union, Pensacola, $5.00; Long Creek, $2.50; Pleasant Hill, $2.00; Pine Level, $2.50; Spring Hill, $1.50; New Virgin, $4.00; Siloam, $3.00; Antioch, No. 2, $1.50; Hopewell, $3.00; Good Hope, $2.00; Shiloah, $2.00; Friendship, No. 2, $1.00; Pine Top, $1.50; Antioch, No. 1, $—; Mt. Olive, $2.00; New Hope, $2.75; Union, $3.50; Salem, $1.00; Old Elam, $1.00; Rosemerry, $1.50; Oakfield, Fla., $1.50; Mt. Ida, 50c.; Star of Hope, $1.00; Cedar Creek, $1.50; Mt. Moriah, $2.00.

Took a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met at 3 o'clock, the Moderator presiding.

Engaged in singing hymn 512, "Let sinners take their course." Prayer by Rev. S. L Calhoun. After which the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion, the ministers in charge of churches belonging to this Association, request each member of their churches to send 10 cents to each annual meeting of this Association, for ministerial education.

A resolution was offered by Rev. S. L. Calhoun and adopted. (See resolution.)

Engaged in singing the second doxology, and adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.—7 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to order, the Moderator presiding.

Rev. J. C. Travis, who was appointed at the last annual meeting of this Association to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, being absent, Rev. A. Moss, alternate, sang the 1039th hymn and offered prayer, after which Rev. S. M. Reeves, the eminent divine of the First Colored Baptist Church, of Greenville, preached the sermon, using as his text the 16th chapter of Mark, 15th verse. "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world."

The sermon was heartrending, and many cried out, "Lord, what shall I do to be saved?"

After which a collection was raised to the amount of $10.

A Presbytery was then called, consisting of Revs. D. Boyd, S. M Reeves, J. M. Moss, S. L. Calhoun, Wm. Scott and H. Booker, for the purpose of ordaining Bro. John Norman. After a thorough examination, the applicant was found incompetent and dismissed.

On motion, the Association adjourned till Friday morning.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Moderator presiding. Read the 8th chapter of Romans, and hymn 830 having been sung, Rev. J. N. Young offered prayer.

On motion, the minutes of the night session were read and adopted.

On motion, Revs. J. Nichols and S. M. Reeves were sent as delegates to represent this Association in the State Convention.

On motion, the said delegates report to the State Convention the disorderly conduct of Antioch Church, Lowndes county.

After which the Moderator appointed the various committees, as usual.

On motion, $15 was given Rev. J. Nichols, and $5 to Rev. S. M. Reeves, to defray their expenses to the State Convention.

On motion, $3 was sent as donation to the State Convention; also $5 was sent to be paid on Stock in the Selma University.

On motion, $10 was given to Bro. M. M. Archer out of the Ministerial Fund, to aid him at the Selma University.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 3 o'clock P. M., the Moderator presiding.

Engaged in singing Hymn 982; prayer by Rev. R. D. Palmer; after

which the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. D. Boyd, Moderator of the Dallas County Association, was introduced to the Association by the Moderator, and the right hand of fellowship extended to him by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Bro. Boyd made some very feeling remarks on Mission Work, which seemed to encourage the brethren in the Master's work. After which the Committee on Foreign Missions reported. (See report.)

Engaged in singing "Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, who will go and work to-day?" A collection raised for Foreign Missions, $5.60.

The doors of the Association were then opened for the reception of Life and Annual Members, and the following named persons joined:

Life Members—Mrs. I. L. Grayson, $1.00; G. Powers, 1884, 50c.; 1885, 50c.—$1.00; Rev. J. M. Tate, $1.00. Life member 1880, N. Ramsey.

Annual Member—D. L. Loveless, 50c.

After which the Committee on Ministerial Education reported. (See report.)

The Committee on New Bodies reported. (See report.)

After which Bro. J. B. Howard, of the Alabama District Association, was introduced to the Association by the Moderator, and made some very interesting remarks on Mission Work.

Engaged in singing 1153d Hymn.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Reassembled at 7 o'clock P. M., the Moderator presiding.

Rev. E. L. Dozier, the appointee to preach the Educational Sermon, being absent, Rev. D. Boyd filled his vacancy, and preached the sermon, using as his text the 4th chapter of the Second Timothy, 2d verse: "Preach the Word."

Hymn 726 was sung; Rev. L. McKee, alternate, offered prayer; after which a collection was raised, $10.75.

Bro. Boyd has our heart-felt thanks, and the sermon preached by him on Education will be long remembered by the Brethren of the Union Association.

A Presbytery was called for the purpose of ordaining Bro. A. Hunter, consisting of Revs. S. M. Reeves, D. Boyd, S. L. Calhoun, J. M. Moss, Wm. Scott and H. Booker.

After a careful examination, the applicant was found incompetent, and was dismissed.

Three petitionary letters, asking the Association to convene in its next annual session with them, was read—one from Arkadelphia, one from New Hope, and one from Mt. Moriah. The delegates proceeded to vote; Arkadelphia having the largest number, the Association agreed to hold its next annual session with her.

Engaged in singing, and adjourned till 8 o'clock Saturday.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. Young; after which the Moderator read the 10th chapter of Romans, engaged in singing 1188th Hymn; prayer by Bro. J. B. Howard.

On motion, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Moderator notified the Brethren of the feeble condition of Rev. E. Montgomery, and a collection was raised for him to the amount of $4.50.

Bro. H. C. Crum, Treasurer, reported correctly, with a balance of $18.45 on hand from 4884.

On motion, Bro. J. B. Howard of the Alabama Association was allowed ten minutes in which to address the Association on Mission Work.

A vote of thanks was tendered him, and the Association adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 3 o'clock P. M., Moderator presiding. Engaged in singing "The day is passed and gone." Rev. Wm. Scott offered prayer.

On motion, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A collection was then raised for Spring Hill Church, $2.15, and turned over to the pastor, J. M. Moss.

The members of the Association purchased a beautiful book from Bro. J. B. Howard—title, The Bible Looking Glass—to present to Rev. J. Nichols, Moderator of the Association. Rev. J. M. Moss presented the book, saying: "Bro. Moderator, the members of this Association, being so proud of your good ruling, and of the dignity that you fill the Moderator's Chair of this Association with, have purchased this volume to present to you. We hope that you may always regard it as a gift from those who love you as a Pastor and Moderator."

Rev. J. Nichols accepted the book, and made some remarks of thanks.

Rev. J. Nichols, Missionary, reported and tendered his resignation.

Rev. J. Nichols has acted as Missionary for this Association for quite a number of years, and his resignation was accepted with much regret by the Brethren.

Rev. J. Nichols, Moderator, instructed each minister to act as Missionary on his own field of labor.

On motion, the Clerk was paid five dollars to buy envelopes to mail to the different Churches, for Ministerial Education.

On motion, each member be requested by the Pastors of said Churches to inclose 10 cents in said envelopes, and return the same by the delegates at the next meeting of this Association.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Reassembled at 7 o'clock P. M., the Moderator presiding.

Rev. J. M. Moss preached the Ministerial Sermon, using as text the 2d Timothy, 2d chapter, 15th verse: "Study to show thyself approved unto God." Rev. W. Perine, alternate, sung Hymn 641, and offered prayer; collection raised $6.65.

After which, the Temperance report was taken up and discussed by Revs. J. Nichols, J. Scott, H. C. Crum and I. N. Carter.

Engaged in singing, and adjourned till 11 o'clock Sunday.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. No business was transacted. Engaged in devotional exercises; prayer meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock was conducted by Rev. L. Young.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. J. Nichols preached the Missionary Sermon, using as text the 28th chapter of Matthew, 19th verse: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations;" using Hymn 943.

After which, Rev. A. Gould, alternate, offered prayer. Collection, $5.95.

During the time the Missionary Sermon was being preached at the Church, Rev. J. N. Young and J. Scott preached to a large audience at the harbor not far from the Church, and collected $2.95.

Took a recess till 7 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Reassembled at 7 o'clock.

Rev. J. N. Young preached to a crowded house, using as a text the 48th chapter of Isaiah, 21st verse; prayer by Rev. H. Booker.

Rev. J. Scott then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members of Hopewell Baptist Church, and to the citizens of Richmond at large, for their kindness rendered the delegates during this session.

After which the Association joined in singing hymn 1153, "Once more before we part."

Each pastor set his mind on his field of labor, and took the parting hand to meet again at Arkadelphia Baptist Church, Pine Apple, Wilcox county, Ala., on Thursday before the first Lord's day in November, 1886.

ELDER J. NICHOLS, Moderator.

I. N. CARTER, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING SESSION.

Resolution offered by Rev. S. L. Calhoun:

WHEREAS, this Association has heretofore allowed a certain salary for the Clerk and a certain amount for printing the minutes, be it

Resolved, That we hereafter appropriate $37.00 for minutes, and the Clerk see to the printing and paying for and distributing the minutes out of the said $37.00, and retain the balance for his services.

Offered by Rev. R. D. Palmer:

Resolved, That we, as ministers, look more after the spiritual welfare of the churches belonging to this Association than we have heretofore.

Resolved, further, That we give more of our time to the study of the scriptures, so we may be better qualified to define the word of truth, and to teach our people to abandon so much heathenism that is now being practiced among them.

Dear Brethren: A paper written by Rev. J. P. Ricks, jr., called the "Religious Herald," was misplaced and could not be inserted in the minutes.

CLERK.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the envelopes sent to the Association for Ministerial Education, and find that the following named churches have contributed:

Ridgeville, $8.40; Shiloah, $3.00; Long Creek, 75c.; Plessant Hill, $1.00; Siloam, $3.75; Friendship, No. 1, $1.35; Antioch, No. 2, $2.55; New Hope, Allenton, $7.20; Mt. Moriah, $5.05; Rosemerry, 60c.; First Colored, Greenville, $3.05; Good Hope, $14.80; New Hope, (col.) $4 00; New Virgin, $3.50; Mt. Ida, $1.60; Arkadelphia, $2.25; Pine Top, $2.25; Hopewell, $3.00; Star of Hope, $2.50; Friendship, No. 2, $2.75; total, $73.35.

REV. W. PERINE,
J. GRAYSON,
J. H. HENDERSON,
D. JAMES,
E. H. PAYNE,
Committee.

ON THE SELMA UNIVERSITY.

We, your committee, take pleasure in recommending to this Association such a school as the Selma University. We further recommend that all churches and Sunday Schools take stock in it, and help the good work that is now being done by it to continue; and also subscribe for our paper, the Baptist Pioneer.

REV. A. GOULD,
J. MCKEE,
R. C. CRUM,
Committee.

ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We, your committee, recommend the following named brethren to preach the several sermons at the next meeting of this Association: Introductory Sermon, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. Wm. Scott; Rev. J. P. Ricks, jr., alternate. Doctrinal Sermon, at 7 o'clock, P. M., by Rev. S. L. Calhoun; alternate, Rev. C. T. Becoats. Educational Sermon, Friday, at 7 o'clock, P. M., by Rev. S. M. Reeves; alternate, Rev. H. C. Crum. Ministerial Sermon, Saturday, 7 o'clock, P. M., by Rev. L. McKee; alternate, Rev. J. N. Scott. Missionary Sermon, Sunday, 11 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. E. L. Dozier; alternate, J. N. Young.

REV. L. MCKEE,
" S. L. CALHOUN,
" WM. MORAST,
Committee.

ON NEW BODIES.

We, your Committee on New Bodies, beg leave to submit the following

report: After a careful investigation, we report one new church, and recommend it for membership—Cedar Creek Church, Farmersville, Ala., Rev. J. N. Scott, Pastor.

J. P. RICKS, JR.,
S. T. COLEMAN,
D. DAVIS,
Committee.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren: I am very thankful to God that He has permitted me to be present with you all once more in an Association. With the honorable work conferred upon me in our last Association, I have endeavored to discharge my duty to the best of my ability. One sad fact I desire to state to this Association, is the lamentable cry which I hear throughout our district, among the churches, for good preachers. This difficulty, I find, is the non-spirit work among the leaders. Furthermore, I am sustained in my remarks by the members of my churches. Dear brethren, I find the true Gospel of Jesus Christ is very much demoralized by those claiming themselves to be members and really are not. I have visited every church directly or indirectly within the bounds of this Association. Let me say to you, that during these four years of Missionary labor, I have fared harder and worked harder to convert their minds to sustain the missionary cause than ever before.

The day that the Union Association decides to do away with missionary work, then they may decide that they have made null and void the Association. I speak this from experience; I say it emphatically, without a man in the field our work is dead. What is every man's business is no man's business. Dear brethren, I am ready to spend and be spent in the cause of Christ. Allow me, now, to present to you my resignation, as I have heretofore. You have, perhaps, younger and better men who can serve you much better than I can. The Sabbath schools are dark. Only a few brethren are interested in Sabbath school work.

In Presbytery at New Hope Church, Crenshaw county, Harvey Anderson and myself ordained for Deacon, one Rufus Harrison. In Presbytery with C. P. Fountain, of White Baptist Church, Elder Long, of Pine Top, and C. Travis, of Greenville, we ordained Jasper Cottrell to the ministry of the First Colored Baptist Church. I have spent four months in this work; Preached 20 sermons; gave 21 lectures, traveled 1,100 miles; raised $18.80; gave five sermons to the First Colored Baptist Church of Greenville; 9 were converted during a revival and added to the church. I have baptized three converts, and administered the Lord's supper. For stationery and other expenses belonging to the Association, the whole is $79 and some cents.

Respectfully submitted,
ELDER J. NICHOLS, Missionary.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of intemperance, beg leave to report: We believe that of all the evils that oppress human beings, intemperance is one of the greatest. It has caused more widows and orphans, more naked and hungry children, and more insanity, than all the wars combined. We further urge all those who may read this report, to abandon the use of intoxicating drinks. How many times have mothers looked around their firesides at their children, who had been deprived of an education, deprived of sufficient food and clothing to make them comfort-

able, for no cause save that of their fathers who had gone down into a drunkard's grave.

Rev. D. Loveless,
" J. F. Carmichael,
" C. T. Becoats,
" A. Lewis,
Committee.

This report was discussed by Revs. S. M. Reeves, R. Ingram and D. Boyd and then passed.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, we, as Missionary Baptists, deem this subject one of vital importance to us, and

Whereas, we owe it to ourselves, we owe it to our principles, we owe it to our mother-land; not only to our mother-land, but to our God, who has said: "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature." Therefore be it

Resolved, That we disburse our mites so as the Lord may say, "well done, thou good and faithful servants; thou hast been faithful over a few things, come up higher, I will make you ruler over many."

J. W. Smith,
J. N. Young,
G. K. Carmichael,
R. Harrison,
Committee.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, we know that education is the great lever by which we are to elevate our race from the thraldom of sin and ignorance, and, whereas, the knowledge of the scripture is essential to a Christian minister as much as the apostle to the Gentiles, who urged on the minister to study to show thyself a workman of God, rightly dividing the word of truth;

And whereas, the prosperity of the church, both spiritually and financially, depends on the scriptural knowledge of the ministers, and whereas, the ministers are responsible for the scriptural training of the church, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as ministers of Christ, do all in our power to foster education among our young ministers, by contributing to the cause of Ministerial Education.

Resolved, further, That every member of the churches composing this Association, be requested to send 10 cents annually for Ministerial Education.

Rev. Wm. Scott,
" S. M. Reeves,
" H. C. Crum,
Committee.

This report was discussed by Rev. S. M. Reeves and D. Boyd, and passed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Committee, recommend that the next meeting of the Executive Board be held with Spring Hill Baptist Church, Montery, Ala., on Friday before the second Lord's day in June, 1886.

Rev. J. M. Moss,
" A Gould,
Committee.

ON FINANCE

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received from the churches,

During this session	$61 00
Collections	36 30
From life and annual members	4 00
For Ministerial Education	73 35
From Treasurer, 1884	18 45
Total paid, in hand of Treasurer	$193 10

J. M. Moss,
E. H. Payne,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren: I have received from Committee on Finance $193 10.

Disbursements as follows.

Paid Missionary	$ 50 00
To State Convention, $3.00; Mrs. S. Adams, $3.00	6 00
For Minutes and Clerk	37 00
Mrs. W. Allen	3 00
Clerk's expenses paid to Selma	3 00
Postage on Minutes, 1884	2 75
Expenses of delegates paid to State Convention	20 00
Paid Bro. M. M. Archer	10 00
Paid Clerk to buy envelopes	5 00
Paid on stock	5 00
Total disbursements	$141 75
Balance in my hands	$51 35

H. C. Crum, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	County.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism. by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Present No.
1st Col. Greenville	S. M. Reeves	W. Anderson	Greenville	Butler	12	2		6	3		200
Arkadelphia	J. Nichols	J Henderson	Pine Apple	Wilcox	23	1	2	18		5	225
Ridgeville	W. Perine	I. Carter	Monterey	Butler	22	2		2	4	2	185
Friendship	S. Hughes	G. Ashford	Georgiana	Butler		8		18			105
Union, F'a	E. Dozier	G. Washington	Pensacola, Fla								150
Long Creek	W. Morast	E. Rue	Georgiana	Butler				10	9	3	143
Pleasant Hill	L. McKee	C. H. Simpkins	Simpkinsville	Monroe	5	2	2	1	8	2	79
Pine Level	J. Wilson	J. Starks	Georgiana	Butler	3		2		3		72
Sping Hill	J. Moss	G. Knight	Monterey	Butler	11	1		5	6		185
New Virgin	J. Nichols	H. Crum	Pine Apple	Wilcox	28			8	16	3	130
Siloam	A. Gould	S. Walton	Allenton	Wilcox					7	1	120
Hopewell	W. Scott	T. Sawyers	Richmond	Dallas	6		1	15	11	8	194
Good Hope	W. Scott	D. James	Pleasant Hill	Dallas	32	5		4		1	200
Shiloh	W. Scott	G. K. Carmichael	Snow Hill	Wilcox		1		2	2	3	162
Friendship No. 2	A. Moss	C. Brown	Minter's Station	Dallas							50
Pine Top	J. Long	E. Payne	Greenville	Butler	23	2	6	2	6	4	258
Antioch	W. Scott	J. Carmichael	Snow Hill	Wilcox						2	120
Mt. Olive	L. McKee	N. Dunklin	Manningham	Butler	13	4	1		1		62
New Hope	J. Nichols	H. Park	Mt. Idia	Crenshaw	3		9	13	5	1	82
Union	J. Nichols	A. Conley	Greenville	Butler	26					1	153
Salem	E. Purdue	C. Murphey	Forest Home								52
Old Elam	S. Hughes	H. McDonald	Greenville	Butler			1	1			8
Mt. Moriah	J. Young	W. Yeldell	Monterey	Butler	7	6		4	11		85
Rosemerry	J. Salter	T. Bruner	Manningham	Butler	12				4	3	52
Oakfield	E. Dozier	H. Thompson	Pensacola, Fla								40
Star of Hope	H. Anderson	W. Anderson	Vidette								30
Mt. Idia	E. Purdue	H. Purdue	Greenville	Butler	3	1		9	1		13
Cedar Creek	J. Scott	E. People	Farmersville								

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The Baptist Church of Christ at ....to the Union Baptist Association—Greeting.

Dear Brethren:—We send as messengers to your body .. .. Sunday. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on every ..... month, and give of our means for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad. We have not done as well as we should, but the Lord has graciously blessed us, and we hope to do better in the future. We have baptized.....; Received by letter.....; Restored .....; Dismissed .....; Excluded.....; Died.....; Licensed.....; Ordained .. ...; Total membership.....

We have raised for church expenses this year $ .....; For the pastor .....; For the poor.....; For Selma University.....; For Mission purposes.... .; Total .....

We send for minutes.....; For general purposes .....; For stock.....; For Home Missions .....

Done by order of the church in conference ... .188 ...

..... Moderator.

.....Clerk.

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Modrator, Clerk and Treasurer, who are to hold their offices until new ones are chosen.

2. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the proceeding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum shall cause the minutes of the preceeding day to be read.

3. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak on points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal from the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of contrary opinion, no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those voting in the affirmative shall first arise from their seats, and afterwards those voting in the negative.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

7. In all cases of election, the Moderator may vote; in other cases, he shall not vote, unless the body be equally divided; in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak on any question, provided he shall call some other member to the chair while he is speaking.

8. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, minute the proceedings of the body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

9. The Treasurer shall receive, account for, and pay out all moneys belonging to this body according to the instructions of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

10. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the

Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities.

11. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member object, without leave of the Association.

12. When two or more members rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.

13. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending; in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

14. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Association, for special reason, excuse him.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair, or, if in writing, handed to the Moderator and read aloud, before debate.

16. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair or any member desire it.

17. After a motion is stated by the Chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn, by leave of the Association, at any time before a decision or amendment.

18. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

19. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

20. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

21. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then the main question.

22. No motion, or a proposition on a different subject from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

23. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence over all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

24. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, or leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

25. Should any member of this Associaiion absent himself before the close of the session, without permission of the body, he shall be marked in the minutes as absent without leave.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the "Colored Baptist Union Association of Alabama."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be to propagate the Gospel of Christ, and to advance the interest of His Kingdom by supplying vacant Churches when requested, and to promote the educational interest in our bounds, and in no case shall this Association infringe upon the internal rights of any Church, and it shall, in case, settle all disturbances between her Churches, unless the matter has been rightly adjusted by them, and they apply to the Association for help.

ART. 3. Every Baptist Church in good and regular standing, presenting a petitionary letter, and after good examination is found to be orthodox, shall be entitled to membership with us, and the Moderator shall forthwith extend to the messenger or messengers bearing the letter, the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ART. 4. At every annual meeting of the Association each Church shall send two messengers for every one hundred members, and one additional messenger for every fraction of a hundred over fifty. Each messenger shall be a member of the Church he represents, and their annual letter shall be written after the blank form in the minutes.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Board. The Treasurer shall give such security as shall be approved by the Association for all moneys committed to his trust. The first three named officers shall be members of the Executive Board.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of this Association by two-thirds of the members present.

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